

Date	Committee	Time	Location	Links
8/21	Design Review Committee	5:30 PM	Zoom Only	Agenda and Zoom Link
8/23	Social and Economic Justice Advisory Committee	8:00 AM	Zoom Only	Agenda and Zoom Link
8/23	City Council Meeting	6:30 PM	Zoom Only	Agenda and Zoom Link

Improve Public Health and Safety

Shelter

We are in active negotiations with Good Samaritan Haven to provide winter shelter (and perhaps longer) at the former Elk's building for 15-20 beds starting in November. While this location isn't ideal, most downtown alternatives are not available right now due to flood damage.

Debris Pick up New: Normal trash and debris rules are now in place and businesses and property owners are responsible for managing their garbage.

City Hall update:

City Hall remains closed and we are currently battling humidity issues within the building. We will be putting together an internal Rebuilding Team that will start meeting next week in order to determine what the next steps of the process are for not only City Hall but for the other City properties that were damaged in the flood as well.

Provide Responsible and Engaged Government

Upcoming SECOND Forum on Recovery and the Future in Montpelier:

The second in a series of three community forums on the recovery, resiliency, and future of Montpelier is scheduled to take place next Tuesday at the State House. The session, "Digging into Ideas toward Action," will build on the opening forum with breakouts to consider work going forward and ideas for further action.

The event begins at 6:30pm at the Vermont State House in Montpelier. Participants will gather in the House Chambers for a welcome and review of the agenda by John Hollar of the Montpelier Foundation, City Manager Bill Fraser, Sarah Defelice of Bailey Road on Main Street for Montpelier Alive, and the event moderator Paul Costello.

The forums are convened by Montpelier Strong, a partnership of the Montpelier Foundation and Montpelier Alive, in collaboration with the City of Montpelier. More information on the forums is available at Montpelier-vt.org.

Where Can I Get More Updates from the City? The City of Montpelier is expanding the ways we share information and keep our community informed. You can now sign up for general updates from the City of Montpelier using the “Notify Me” feature on the City’s website.

How to sign up: Go to <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/> and click on the “Notify Me” tile in the popular links, fill in the subscription box with your email, then check the box next to the “City of Montpelier” list name. You’ll receive an email with a link asking you to confirm your subscription. Once your email is confirmed, you’ll start receiving updates.

Pending Legal

Moody vs. City of Montpelier. Insurance case filed regarding a pot hole. Costs handled by VLCT PACIF, City represented by Attorney Brian Monaghan

Create More Housing

Planning Department Update: The Historic Preservation Commission, with the assistance of the Department of Planning and Community Development, has been awarded a \$7,200 Certified Local Government (“CLG”) grant from the State of Vermont, Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development, Division for Historic Preservation. The funds will be used for a Historic Resources Scoping Study, intended to identify the extent of Montpelier’s historic resources allowing for a planned approach to documenting new districts and listings for the State or National Registers of Historic Places over the coming years. The study may also help with an anticipated assessment of needed work and maintenance plans for City-owned properties, as well as give the Planning Commission, City Council, and public a broader perspective on the City’s historic resources.

Thanks to the State Division of Historic Preservation staff for assisting with the application, and to the Division and the Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for awarding us this grant. The CLG grant is part of the funding provided to the State by the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-665), as amended.

Improve Community Prosperity

****The Community Services Department weekly newsletter can be found at the end of the this report, beginning after strategic plan items.****

Build and Maintain Sustainable Infrastructure

****The Department of Public Works weekly newsletter can be found on the City’s Department of Public Works webpage.****

U.S. 2 and U.S. 302 Resurfacing Projects Update:

TRAFFIC IMPACT AND DURATION: Monday, August 21, through Friday, August 25, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., motorists can expect lane closures and alternating one-way traffic on U.S. Route 302 (U.S. 302) from the project limits at the Berlin/Montpelier town line to the intersection with U.S. Route 2 (U.S. 2) at the roundabout, and along U.S. 2 beginning at the Middlesex/Montpelier town line and continuing on U.S. 2 to the eastern end of the project limits, near the Berlin/Montpelier town line. Flaggers will be present to assist motorists through the work zone.

All work is weather-dependent, and dates are subject to change as needed.

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES: Crews will continue adjusting structures and begin ditching and berm removal along U.S. 2 from its intersection with Bailey Avenue to the Montpelier/Berlin Town Line, and on U.S. 302 between the roundabout at the intersection with U.S. 2 and the Montpelier/Berlin Town Line. Crews will also begin installing signage within the projects' limits starting at the Montpelier/Middlesex Town Line and continuing to Bailey Avenue.

Employment and Personnel Announcements

Staff Development

The City Clerk just returned from the 31st DEF CON international hacking conference in Las Vegas where he presented on the top 10 election attack vectors and appeared on a panel on 2024 election preparations with former Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Chris Krebs, Chief Information Security officer for the Arizona Secretary of State Michael Moore, and Ashlee Bengel, Strategic Intelligence Lead on the Cisco Talos team.

Municipal Job Openings

Visit the City website for more information: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/Jobs.aspx>

Mental Health Clinician: Montpelier Police, Barre City Police and Washington County Mental Health are still looking for a police mental health clinician to work with our agencies. If you have any interest either call Chief Nordenson at 802-223-3445 or apply directly at : <https://wcmhs.applytojob.com/apply/rZGj0OPhbn/Police-Mental-Health-Clinician>

Reminders

ORCA MEDIA

ORCA Media supports the City of Montpelier by live streaming videos to local TV and on YouTube. Recently, Comcast changed the government channel to 1085.

- Click here to see City Council Meeting:
- Click here for Live Stream:

Thank you,



William Fraser, City Manager

Council Meeting Agenda Schedule and Strategic Planning Items on following pages

Upcoming Agenda Items (*TENTATIVE*)

8/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post Flood Updates • Set Tax Rate • Finalize Berlin Pond land purchase 	9/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Plan draft • CCR Workshop • Vendor Ordinance? • Strategic Plan 2023 report • Outside Agency Follow up? • Year End Financials?
9/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024 Strategic Planning 	10/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Preview • Strategic Planning • Winter Schedule
10/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	11/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

? = Date is tentative, may shift to a different date

Topics from the FY22-23 City Council Strategic Plan for Future Council Agendas:

Month	Tentative Topic(s)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stormwater Utility – delayed due to DPW staffing

Community Services

Department Updates

- **The volunteer hub continues!** We want the public to know that this crisis isn't over. While the City of Montpelier is slowly opening again, please understand that there is active recovery going on throughout the city, so please be safe and stay updated through our online channels listed below. **The volunteer hub is still active at Barre & Main Streets until further notice.** Check out our new site: www.montpelierhub.com for all things Montpelier Flood Response Hub!
 - If you'd like to stay informed on all the hub activities, subscribe to our email list found on **the City of Montpelier's Resource Log**, which has all resources related to flooding event in Downtown Montpelier: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=467>
- **For more updates and resources**, follow the City of Montpelier's Facebook page: [@MontpelierVT](#) and our new Volunteers pages: [@MontpelierVolunteers](#) on Facebook and Instagram. You can also follow our Community Services Departments pages: [@MontpelierSeniorActivityCenter](#), [@MontpelierRec](#), and [@MontpelierParks](#).

Montpelier Senior Activity Center (MSAC)

- Read the August Newsletter and Summer Program Guide here: <https://www.montpelier-vt.org/304/Newsletter>
- **We're here to help!** [Despite changes at MSAC recently, we're here to support you with regular activities and space to escape the summer heat. Come inside and enjoy this community space.](#)
- **Thank you to everyone in attendance for our MSAC Town Hall on Thursday!** [We had a great turnout of over 75 people, and we heard many great ideas from our membership. We then enjoyed a fabulous lunch afterwards from Chef Joey Buttendorf of Capstone Community Action.](#)



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- **Sprouting Change: A FEAST Fundraiser**

- ***Can you be a champion for local food and nutrition?***
- After the July 2023 flood, FEAST Senior Meals is looking to support us and sprout change from now until September floodwaters devastated our farm, which provided vital our Meals on Wheels program. We're asking you to food and nutrition through this small dollar donation drive.
- By going to our website, www.montpelier-vt.org/FEAST, donate \$15, which is the average cost of a meal for client, friend to do the same. Together, we can regrow our local food system and sustain our operations during this critical time of year for our older adult neighbors in Central Vermont.



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- **FEAST Farmstand is returning soon!** Although we lost almost all our annual crops at the FEAST Farm, the FEAST Farmstand will be returning on Wednesday, September 6th with donated produce and other

goodies to sell. We have not set a return date yet, but we will have an announcement in the next couple of weeks. Thank you for your support of FEAST during this tumultuous time!

- **Seeking Some Fun?** Join our wide variety of drop-in groups, most open to all ages. Hanking for music? Poetry? Drumming? Dancing? Community service? Games? Coffee & Conversation? Book discussions? Meals? Drag Bingo? We've got it all!

Montpelier Recreation News

- **Program Registration** – You can deliver registration forms either:
 - In person at the Recreation Center
 - By mailing forms and payment to 58 Barre Street, or
 - Using [our online registration platform](#) (**ONLY IF YOU HAVE A USER ACCOUNT ALREADY! Please call 802-225-8699 for setup assistance**)

Extra registration forms and a locked drop box are in the side vestibule of 58 Barre Street (the Senior Activity Center) for after-hours use.

- **Montpelier Public Pool – Closes on Sunday, August 27th**
 - The Montpelier Pool is open to the public with full regular hours: 1-7pm from Monday to Friday, and 1-5:30pm on the weekends. Please check our website or Facebook page for the latest updates on closures and event announcements. We're excited for a long summer of fun activities there!
 - We will soon close on Sunday, August 27th, so please come out and enjoy your community pool before summer ends.
- **2022-23 Pickleball Open Gym**
 - The Montpelier Recreation Center offers two indoor courts. There is a 12-player maximum per session. Open gym is for adults (18+). Please bring your own paddles. The Recreation Department will supply balls to play on open gym days. All levels are welcome. See below for days and times.
 - Find us on [playerlineup.com](#). Search: "Montpelier Rec Center PB"
 - **Open Gym Schedule (based on skill level)**
 - **Beginner:** Mondays → 1:30 – 3:00 pm | Wednesdays → 9 – 10:30 am
 - **Beginner/Intermediate:** Thursdays → 1:30 – 3 pm
 - **Intermediate:** Mondays → 9 – 10:30 am | Wednesdays → 1:30 – 3 pm | Thursdays → 1:30 – 3 pm
 - **Intermediate/Advanced:** Fridays → 9 – 10:30 am
 - **Advanced:** Tuesdays → 9 – 11 am
 - **Open Gym Fees:**
 - **Walk-Ins:** Montpelier Residents: \$4; Non-Montpelier Residents: \$6
 - **Punch Cards (22 visits, pickleball only):** Montpelier Residents: \$45; Non-Montpelier Residents: \$60
- **2023 Summer Noontime Basketball**
 - 2023 Summer Noontime Basketball takes place in the Recreation Department gym at 55 Barre Street on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 11:45am – 1:15pm.

Montpelier Parks

Parkapalooza 2023! Last week of our concert series!

- Montpelier's summer concert series has exciting concert in store for next week! Kerubo Tuning Forks Soundstage on Thursday, August Arrive early, and plan for fun times throughout Each family friendly event will feature live giant slip 'n slide, and a huge open space for gather and listen to live music. We have a great and regional bands. Now in its sixth year, celebrates all that we love about Central family time outside, community and the arts.

PARKAPALOOZA 2023
MONTPELIER'S WEEKLY SUMMER FESTIVAL

HUBBARD PARK
MONTPELIER, VT
THURSDAYS 5:30-7:30PM

FREE

JULY 13TH WILD
LEEK RIVER

JULY 20TH MAL MAIZ
GREEN MOUNTAIN SWING

AUG 3RD BARIKA

AUG 10TH SATURN
PEOPLE'S SOUND
COLLECTIVE

AUG 17TH KERUBO

AUG 24TH BEG, STEAL
OR BORROW

FOOD VENDORS EVERY WEEK!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO LEARN MORE - OR GO TO: [BIT.LY/PARKAPALOOZA](https://bit.ly/parkapalooza)

JOIN US AT THE OLD SHELTER IN HUBBARD PARK, MONTPELIER, VT FOR GREAT MUSIC AND FAMILY FUN!
ENTER HUBBARD PARK VIA THE WINTER ST. GATE - MORE INFO AT [WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/MONTPELIERPARKS](https://www.facebook.com/montpelierparks)

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